

Town Lands Meeting  
June 2, 2009

Present: Bob Waddle, Ned Perry, Ken Oehmig, Melinda Richter,  
Jane Smith, John Loyd  
Absent: ~~William~~ Chris Coffin, David Hackett

New members Ned and Ken were greeted and introduced to various objectives of committee work and some background information. Mackerel Cove discussion about the 6x25 foot parcel with no identifying tax number on it. John Loyd said ~~nothing called taking~~ <sup>adverse possession is going to determine who owns it</sup> applied to Joe Sharps gone by adverse possession, gone by in practical matter. According to Bill Coombs, it may belong to the lot 176 owner de Hart. Long ago the de Harts had a wharf there. Barbara York told Melinda that a road hugging the shore stopped at the monument. Committee decides to write formal letter to assessing inquiring about the ownership of the 6x25 lot. Parking plan for Mackerel Cove discussed. Charles Root letter ~~in~~ in townhouse not found by Melinda and Jane. According to John Loyd, there was controversy within Root family about the useage of the piece and that the controlling document is the easement document so the Roots were told that they had time in negotiations to clarify things. (Bits of HHLT background from John: Nortons wanted to donate. Tarr Hackett Historical Society took Norton easement then formed HHLT. The Roots easement was HHLT's second easement. The Bailey Island Group Associates were paying taxes on it and looking for ways to get it into other hands. HHLT contacted one of the Roots). Bob found old town reports talking about Root family generosity to acquire the \$6,500 acre parcel. Roots want access for fishermen and storage for boats and gear etc. The purpose was for the benefit of the fishermen... a joint idea: some open space, some fishermen space. At one time Sharps owned the head of Mackerel Cove. Joe had a small structure there. Tension between HHLT and Sharps. Town given corral area for public parking. The HHLT stewardship book should have the baseline data. That John had monitored it 6 or 7 times himself.

John Loyd said that Bill Locke had meticulous records as to the intent. His children may have input...one lives at Wilson Cove and another child is Elizabeth Dodge. John asks how Mackerel Cove was used all winter... conveyor belt in landing issue... and suggestion: Bill Wells needs to reference ordinances that help him get up to speed about interactions. The clean up of boats and storage area coming up. Jane will get pix of the sign. Two schools went down this year to clean it up. Town needs to thank them. Jane to find steward books from Carol Tukey (Marsha Hinton would have known about these). John wants to monitor as steward: Potts Point, wharf at Potts Point, Tide Mill, and Graveyard. Jane to find out from Terri about steward list updates and get copies of steward reports.

Some cemetaries may be federal and some are the towns. Perhaps some cemetaries need to be added to our list. Some go back to Parrish system... you get fined if you die and get buried with no church affiliation. Pinkham Cemetery not on our list. All there are Pinkhams with 6-8 stones on the ground and plots overgrown. Sam York owns it now says John. Channel 14 program should proceed highlighting info about landings and islands and land of interest. John suggests a map and photographs of a handful of these areas then later do another handful highlighting important aspects of each property. Do it live 15-30 minutes then tape it for frequent airing. (Dick Merriman did aerial footage of the town). Bob mentions Jim Henderson's encyclopedia of Maine... mostly Maine... for \$35... been doing it for years with lots of information in it.

Jane showed Jim Hay's Harbor Waterfront proposal that recently reeled in the grant money for extensive improvements that could overlap with some of our town lands needs and desires.

Next meeting July 7th 6:00 Mackerel Cove (Giant's Stairs if time)  
7:00 Townhouse

Submitted by Jane ~~Smith~~ Smith